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SUBJECT: DEL E. WEBB

1. AT NOON, FEBRUARY 12, I RECEIVED A CALL FROM FINMIN MANUEL ACOSTA BONILLA, WHO PROVIDED ME WITH HIS VERSION OF THE MEETING HELD YESTERDAY WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEL E. WEBB CORPORATION. HE SAID THE GROUP HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY HIMSELF, ACCOMPANIED BY GERMAN APARICIO VELASQUEZ, ACTING MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS PLUS TECHNICAL ADVISORS. ACCORDING TO BONILLA, THE INFORMATION PRESENTED BY THE GROUP WAS VERY SUPERFICIAL AND "SEEMED TO LACK SUFFICIENT LEGAL ADVICE". HE SAID THAT ON THE BASIS OF THE INFORMATION PRESENTED, NEITHER HE NOR APARICIO HAD A LEGAL BASIS FOR MAKING ANY DETERMINATION THAN THAT THE DEL E. WEBB CLAIMS LACKED SUFFICIENT LEGAL BASIS. HE SAID HE AND APARICIO WERE NOT IN A POSITION TO RECOMMEND PAYMENT IN THE MATTER SINCE THEY WOULD BE PERSONALLY LIABLE. HE ADDED THAT IN HIS JUDGEMENT THE DEL E. WEBB GROUP HAD FAILED TO PRODUCE EVIDENCE THAT THE ADDITIONAL WORK PERFORMED BY DEL E. WEBB HAD BEEN CONTRACTED FOR.

2. IN ANSWER TO MY QUESTION THE FINMIN OPINED THAT THE GROUP COULD STILL GO TO COURT IF DESIRED.

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